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FOR WORTZEL FROM ANDREWS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. BERBEROVIC VISIT. WE ARE PERPLEXED OVER THE COLLAPSE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS AND SOMEWHAT IRRITATED WITH THE WAY THE YUGOSLAVS HANDLED THIS. UNFORTUNATELY, WE DO NOT HAVE A CABINET MINISTER FOR INFORMATION MATTERS. UNFORTUNATELY WE DO NOT HAVE ANY OTHER MEANS THAN IVP FOR PAYING FOR A VISIT (EXCEPT A STATE VISIT, WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN WHAT BELOVSKI WANTED). IN ANY CASE, WE HOPE IT DOESN'T SOUR YOUR DEALINGS WITH BERBEROVIC OR HIS SUBORDINATES. AS IT TURNED OUT CHRISTOPHER, WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN ACTING SECRETARY, COULD NOT HAVE RECEIVED HIM ANYWAY, BUT NEWSOM WOULD HAVE AND WE WERE WORKING FOR DAVID AARON AS WELL. BRAY GOT BARRY JAGODA FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND OTHERS FOR THE LUNCH, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT TAKE PLACE.

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2. JOHNSON VISIT. WE HAVE TOLD THE YUGOSLAVS HERE THAT DARRYL IS COMING, ALONG WITH THE DATES AND APPROXIMATE ITINERARY. WE HAVE NOT ASKED THEM TO MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENTS, BUT THEY MAY ANYWAY. DCM SINDJELIC SAID HE WOULD CONTACT PEOPLE IN SARAJEVO, WHERE HE WORKED BEFORE COMING HERE. DARRYL WILL NOT GO TO BUCHAREST SINCE SIMONS WILL

NOT BE THERE. HE WILL FLY TO BELGRADE, ARRIVING
SUNDAY MAY 7 ON PA66. YOU WILL GET AN OPEN CHANNEL
MESSAGE.

3. BELOVSKI TRIP. AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI IS LEAVING
TODAY TO SEE MINIC IN NEW YORK, THEN GO ON TO YUGOSLAVIA
FOR THE MACEDONIAN PARTY CONGRESS NEXT WEEK. HE PLANS
TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER ON MONDAY.

4. ALIMIS CASE. CONGRESSMAN MAGUIRE CALLED BELOVSKI
YESTERDAY AND MR. VEST MENTIONED THE CASE TOO. WE HOPE
BELOVSKI CAN MOVE HIS FRIENDS BOTH IN BELGRADE AND IN
MACEDONIA. BY THE WAY, MRS. ALIMIS IS REPORTEDLY
RETURNING TO YUGOSLAVIA THIS WEEKEND. DARRYL AND I
CALLED ON MCGUIRE ON WEDNESDAY TO GO OVER THE WHOLE
BUSINESS. HE APPARENTLY UNDERSTANDS THE LEGAL POINTS,
BUT IS ANXIOUS TO DO ALL HE CAN FOR HIS AMERICAN
CITIZEN CONSTITUENTS. WE HAVE ALSO TALKED WITH CA AND
L ABOUT THE QUESTIONS YOU RAISED EARLIER, AND WILL TRY
TO GET A RESPONSE OUT SOON. THE IDEA OF BARBARA
WATSON GOING THERE WAS ENTIRELY OURS AND WAS NOT
WARMLY RECEIVED IN EITHER L OR CA FOR THE SAME REASONS
YOU GAVE.

5. CHRISTOPHER HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE YOUNG
LAWYERS SECTION OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
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PROPOSING TO INVITE SOME EAST EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS TO
THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN AUGUST. WE AGREE WITH THE IDEA
OF INVITING SOME YUGOSLAVS AND WILL BE ASKING YOU IN
OPEN CHANNEL TO SUGGEST SOME NAMES.

6. SCHMIDT VISIT. WE REALIZE (WE DO TALK TO EACH OTHER
SOMETIMES) THAT, BY CHANCE, THE BELGRADE VISITS BY DARRYL
AND CARL WILL OVERLAP ON MAY 8-9. THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION
TO DOUBLING UP ON AS MUCH OF THEIR SCHEDULES AS YOU SEE
FIT, BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY. WHATEVER MAKES
LIFE EASIER FOR YOU. CARL WILL WANT TO SPEND SOME TIME
TALKING ABOUT FUTURE STAFFING NEEDS AND THE LIKE, WHICH
NEEDN'T INVOLVE DARRYL. CARL WOULD LIKE TO STAY OUT OF
EVERYONE'S HAIR ON SUNDAY, MAY 7, AND, THEREFORE, WONDERS
IF HE COULD RENT A CAR FOR THE DAY AND SEE SOME SIGHTS
IN THE HINTERLAND. VANCE

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